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Applicants: John D. Morris et al.)
Serial No.: 10/658,648)
Date Filed: September 9, 2003)

Declaration
Examiner: Rita J. Desai
Group Art Unit: 1625

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For: METHOD FOR MONITORING ORGANIC DEPOSITS IN PAPERMAKING

DECLARATION OF JOHN D. MORRIS
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.132

Commissioner for Patents
P. O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

John D. Morris declares that:

1. He is a co-inventor of U.S. Patent Application Serial No. 10/658,648, entitled "FLUORESCENT MONOMERS AND TAGGED TREATMENT POLYMERS CONTAINING SAME FOR USE IN INDUSTRIAL WATER SYSTEMS," which was filed on September 9, 2003 and is now pending.
2. He attended and graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology, receiving a Masters degree in Chemistry.
3. He is currently employed as a Research and Development Manager at Nalco Company and that his employment with Nalco Company began in December of 1995. Prior to becoming a manager, he worked in the Core Technologies area at Nalco for 12 years as a synthetic/polymer chemist.
4. He has read and understood the above-captioned patent application, the pending Office Action dated April 24, 2008; and

John D. Morris Declares that:

1. I reviewed the pending office action and the references cited by and provided by the Examiner.
2. I disagree with the Examiner's statement that the prior art compounds cited by the Examiner are polymerizable via free radical polymerization. I support this contention with the following analysis:

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Upon review of the cited references (1,003,083, 1,054,436, 47-12553, 47-12553 (2)), I have found no instance where the claimed compounds of said references incorporate a vinylic moiety that allows for free radical polymerization with other comonomers.

3. I declare further that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements and the like may jeopardize the validity of the present application or any patent issuing thereon.

Dated: 8/4/08

Signed: John D. Morris
John D. Morris